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Welcome to the Winter Edition of The Hollander Law Firm Newsletter.

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THE AGING OF AMERICA — NURSING HOME ABUSE

The oldest Baby Boomers have begun to turn 65 this year and one of their top concerns—their health and long-term care. Those over the age of 65 represent 13 percent of the U. S. population, a number expected to skyrocket in the coming decade as the Baby Boomers retire. And the federal government estimates that almost half of those over 65 will spend time in a nursing home or an assisted living facility. Yet, as our population grows older, the number of nursing homes available nationwide has actually declined, from 16,516 in 2002 to 16,100 in 2008.

As the number of facilities decrease and the demand increases, Baby Boomers worry about the implications of access and quality of care (the potential for [abuse or neglect](#)). Abuse can take many forms—physical, mental or sexual or neglect.

Florida law provides a [Bill of Rights](#) for nursing home residents, which serve to protect and set an industry standard. If you believe abuse and neglect has occurred to a family member or loved one at a [nursing home or long-term care facility](#), please [contact our office](#) at **(888) 751-7770** for a free consultation.

Signs of abuse may include (but are not limited to): infections, broken bones, rapid weight loss/gain, bruises, cuts, bed sores, physical neglect, lack of personal hygiene, unusual behavior, agitation, etc.

FLORIDA LED NATION IN INCREASE IN PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS



A recent report by the [Governors Highway Safety Association \(GHSA\)](#) revealed that pedestrian fatalities increased during the first six months of 2010. Florida (up 35) had the distinction of reporting the largest increase in fatal pedestrian deaths in the nation

Distracted drivers and distracted pedestrians are dangerous and they are both key factors in the recent increase in fatalities. Many people experience "[inattention blindness](#)." Pedestrians (walkers, runners) are often engrossed in conversations (cell phones, texting) or listening to music while crossing busy streets and intersections. Some don't see cracks or hazards on sidewalks, some run into stop signs and polls, some run into vehicles in parking lots or worse, they walk out on to a busy roadway.

As more cities improve "countdown pedestrian signals" and warning systems, and while auto manufacturers are looking at new warning technology in its vehicles, it is ultimately up to drivers and pedestrians to focus on driving and walking safety without distractions.

NEW PRODUCT REGISTRATION CARDS HELP CONSUMERS WITH RECALLS

- A new product registration card and database makes it easier for parents and consumers to be notified of **product problems** including recalls; however, parents must complete the card and send back to the manufacturer in order to be notified of recalls.
- The new registration law is part of the [2008 Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act](#), which mirrors regulations that have been in place for child car seats for years.
- Manufacturers must now provide consumers a postage-free registration cards for 19 different types of durable children's products (strollers, cribs, car seats, etc.). The new system is also good for consumers who bought second-hand merchandise, they can register on-line.

For more than two decades, [attorney Gregg Hollander](#) has represented thousands of South Florida victims and their families as a result of [dangerous or defective products](#). If you have questions regarding defective or dangerous products, please [contact our office](#) at **(888) 751-7770** for a free consultation.

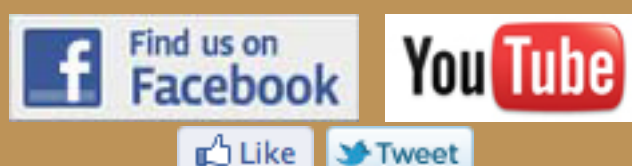
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